

IT'S REAL—12

“It’s REAL Because it delivers from a SINFUL world”

1 John 5:14-21

Introduction. _____

I. **FIRST, WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM THIS SINFUL WORLD THROUGH IMPERTINENT PRAYER SO THE WORLD HAS Its LIMITS (1 John 5:14-15).**

Three critical issues regard our prayer life:

- A. First, consider the direct confidence we have in prayer (5:14a) *“And this is the confidence that we have in him . . .”*
- B. Then, note the defining condition for the believer in prayer (5:14b) *“. . . that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hearth us.”*
- C. Thirdly, notice the daily consequences for the believer in prayer (5:15).

II. **SECONDLY, NOTICE HOW WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM THIS SINFUL WORLD FROM IMPENDING DEATH BECAUSE OF THE WORLD’S LUSTS (1 John 5:16-17).**

Looking at these verses, note the following:

- A. First, John reminds us of the seriousness of sin (5:16).
- B. Secondly, John recalls the scope of sin (5:17).

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- 1. Does it refer to specific sins?
- 2. Does it refer to a type or quality of sin?
- 3. Does it refer to a continuation or duration of sin?
 - a. First, the person involved is a brother, which would be untrue of the unsaved.
 - b. Secondly, once a person receives eternal life, he never loses it (John 10:27-28; 1 John 3:9).
 - c. Thirdly, if the conclusion of spiritual death is based on assumption, it is not the clear teaching of the Word of God.

HOW CAN I AS A CHRISTIAN AVOID COMMITTING THE “SIN UNTO DEATH”?

Note some principles learned from Ananias and Sapphira:

- 1. **Don’t let the love of money or anything of this world keep you from being generous and sincere.**
- 2. **Repent of known sin (Hebrews 4:13).**
- 3. **Constantly battle against hypocrisy.**
- 4. **Be filled with the Holy Spirit.**

III. **THIRDLY, THE INDWELLING SPIRIT HAS DELIVERED US FROM THIS WORLD OVER THE WORLD’S LORD (1 John 5:18-19).**

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A. First, consider how John speaks of the wicked one's defeat (5:18).

What does this verse mean?

1. Some believe Christians lose their salvation.
2. Others believe that the Christian can gradually overcome sin until they become sinless.
3. Still others believe that your sin nature sins and not your new nature.
4. However, consideration should be taken from the text in its context.

B. Secondly, see how John speaks of the wicked one's domain (5:19).

IV. FOURTHLY, SEE HOW WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM THIS WORLD BY THE IMOTENCE OF THE WORLD'S LIES (1 John 5:20-21).

A. First, notice how he gives some last word (5:20).

1. First, notice two great feats (5:20a).
 - a. First, notice the great feat of the incarnation of the Son of God (5:20a).
 - b. Secondly, note the great feat of the illumination of the sons of God (5:20b).

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2. Secondly, note two great finds (5:20c).

a. First, there is a positive truth (5:20c).

b. Secondly, there is a positional truth (5:20d).

3. Thirdly, consider two great facts (5:20e-f).

a. First, John states the fact concerning Christ's deity (5:20c).

b. Secondly, he shares the fact concerning our destiny (5:20f).

B. Secondly, consider John giving last _____ (5:21)